CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for displaying information, said method comprising:

obtaining a plurality of data points, each said data point including an estimated statistic;

obtaining a measure of statistical significance for each said estimated statistic; and

displaying a graph of said plurality of data points,

wherein each said data point is displayed at an intensity level that is a function of the measure of statistical significance of the estimated statistic included in said data point.

2.   A method according to Claim 1, wherein each said data point includes an identification of an asset and a measure of a tendency of a value of the asset to change as a result of a change in a data value for an exogenous variable.

3.   A method according to Claim 2, wherein said data points are displayed in a bar graph that includes a separate bar for each asset.

4.   A method according to Claim 3, wherein each said bar is displayed at an intensity level that is a function of the measure of statistical significance of the measure of the tendency of the value of the asset corresponding to said bar to change.

5.   A method according to Claim 4, wherein a height of each said bar is a second function of the measure of the tendency of the value of the asset to change as a result of a change in the data value for the exogenous variable.

6.   A method according to Claim 1, wherein the estimated statistic was estimated using a regression equation, and wherein the measure of statistical significance is a p value that was calculated from the regression equation.

7. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the function is linear.

8. A method according to Claim 1, wherein the function is non-linear.

9. A method according to Claim 1, wherein each said data point is displayed as a bar in a bar graph.

10. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said statistical significance is an estimate of a probability that an actual value for said estimated statistic is outside of a specified confidence interval around an estimated value for said estimated statistic.

11. A method according to Claim 10, wherein calculation of the intensity for each said data point comprises determining 1 minus said estimate of probability.

12. A method for displaying information, said method comprising:
obtaining a plurality of data points, each said data point including an estimated statistic;
obtaining a measure of statistical significance for each said estimated statistic; and
displaying a graph of said plurality of data points,
wherein a display characteristic of each said data point is a function of the measure of statistical significance of the estimated statistic included in said data point.

13. A method according to Claim 12, wherein said display characteristic is a size of said each data point.

14. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said display characteristic is a hue at which said each data point is displayed.

15. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said display characteristic is a saturation at which said each data point is displayed.

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16. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said display characteristic is a brightness at which said each data point is displayed.

17. A method according to Claim 1, wherein said display characteristic is a color characteristic with which said each data point is displayed.

18. A method according to Claim 1, wherein each said data point is displayed as a bar in a bar graph.

19. An apparatus for displaying information, said apparatus comprising:

means for obtaining a plurality of data points, each said data point including an estimated statistic;

means for obtaining a measure of statistical significance for each said estimated statistic; and

means for displaying a graph of said plurality of data points,

wherein each said data point is displayed at an intensity level that is a function of the measure of statistical significance of the estimated statistic included in said data point.

20. An apparatus for displaying information, said apparatus comprising:

means for obtaining a plurality of data points, each said data point including an estimated statistic;

means for obtaining a measure of statistical significance for each said estimated statistic; and

means for displaying a graph of said plurality of data points,

wherein a display characteristic of each said data point is a function of the measure of statistical significance of the estimated statistic included in said data point.

21. A computer-readable medium storing computer-executable process steps for displaying information, said process steps comprising steps to:

obtain a plurality of data points, each said data point including an estimated statistic;

5   obtain a measure of statistical significance for each said estimated statistic; and

display a graph of said plurality of data points,

wherein each said data point is displayed at an intensity level that is a function of the measure of statistical significance of the estimated statistic included in said

10   data point.

22.   A computer-readable medium storing computer-executable process steps for displaying information, said process steps comprising steps to:

obtain a plurality of data points, each said data point including an estimated statistic;

5   obtain a measure of statistical significance for each said estimated statistic; and

display a graph of said plurality of data points,

wherein a display characteristic of each said data point is a function of the measure of statistical significance of the estimated statistic included in said data

10   point.